

(b) if so, whether they are aware of the number of days it would take for the return of the firearms with the renewed licenses after such deposit; and

(c) whether they are aware that firearms kept in the Police Stations get rusty and out of order?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The member is referred to Section 11 of Regulation V of 1084.

(b) The District Magistrates renew these licenses. It is not possible to say specifically how many days it would take for the renewal of a license; the duration depends on the number of licenses sent up for renewal.

(c) License holders are given facilities for oiling and cleaning their guns when these are in deposit in Police Stations; and consequently only those guns that are not attended to by the owners are likely, if at all, to get rusty. Guns do not get out of order by the fact of deposit in Police Stations.

Conversion of Pleasure motor cars into buses.

245. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision prohibiting the conversion of the body of a pleasure motor-car into a bus; and

(b) if so, whether they are aware that it causes irreparable loss to the natives of this State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The member is referred to the notification published at page 78, Part IV, of the *Government Gazette* dated 25th October 1927.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

Graduates who have passed the Registration Test Examination.

246. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the graduates who have passed the Registration Test Examination, showing—

(a) the dates on which they passed the examination;

(b) the dates of their first appointment in service; and

(c) their present (14-11-28) post and pay?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) and (c) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the principle that governs in the matter of promotions to these officers?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Qualification and service are the general principles that are taken into consideration.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In the matter of qualifications being alike, is it according to the seniority or is it according to date of passing the Test Examination that promotions are given?

* Vide Appendix VI—pages 456 & 457.